GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1951
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INTEGRATED RAILWAY MODERNISATION PLAN .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether an Integrated Railway Modernisation Plan has been formulated by the Railways;

(b) If so, the details of the areas to be covered under the said Plan;

(c) The total funds earmarked for implementing the said Plan and the expenditure incurred so far; and

(d) The major items of works to be executed during the current financial year under the said Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1951 BY SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR, SHRI SUBRATA BOSE AND SHRI JASUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2006 REGARDING INTEGRATED RAILWAY MODERNISATION PLAN

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Integrated Railways Modernisation Plan (IRMP) has been formulated for 2005-2010 identifying activities with definite time frame for implementation. It has got 3 segments, the details of which are as under:

Passenger Business Segment includes increased induction of modern coaches in all Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains, expansion of Passenger Reservation System (PRS) and Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) across the country, Environment Friendly toilets in coaches, Improved Safety features in coaches in terms of its crashworthiness and fire retarding features.

Freight Business Segment includes Introduction of Higher Axle Load, Double Stack Containers and Roll-on-Roll- Off wagons on the identified routes, Introduction of light weight and corrosion resistant steel and aluminum wagons, Extension of Freight Operations Management System to cover Terminal, Rake and Crew Management System, Completion of works identified under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) along with some other Throughput Enhancement works, etc.

Other Modernisation Initiatives includes Track Modernisation and its maintenance practices, Modernisation of Bridge Management System, Signaling and Telecommunication System, Mechanical and Electrical System and the Disaster Management System.

(c): Total Expenditure envisaged for execution of the identified items in the IRMP is about Rs.24,000 Crores and the expenditure so far incurred is approximately Rs.2617 Crore.

(d): The major items of works to be executed in the current financial year are as under:

1. Completion of Throughput Enhancement works

2. Development of modern freight terminals

3. Introduction of Double Stack Containers

4. Ware-housing facilities near rail terminals

5. Expansion of Passenger Reservation System (PRS) and Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS)

6. Track, Bridge and Signal modernisation.